

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Meeting Minutes

APRIL 10TH, 2006 10 a.m.

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A. BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

10:10 AM

B. ROLL CALL

Roger Johnson
Thomas Hanify
Jerry Nulliner
Patrick Donoghue
Joseph Wainscott Jr.
Jack Kerney
Darrick Scott
Charles Hall
Paul Covington

ABSENT

Bernice Clark

C. MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2006 AND STATISTICAL REPORT FROM MARCH 2006.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to accept minutes and statistical report. Charles Hall seconded. Motion passed.

D. VARIANCE REQUESTS

1. Matthew Hand has resubmitted his request for the following variances:

Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101

Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97

Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.4
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-102
Structural Collapse Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-103

Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106
Swift Water Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-107

Trench Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5
Trench Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-104
Trench Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-105

Wilderness Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-108
Wilderness Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-109
Wilderness Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-110

Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99

These variances were tabled in January for continued education information.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve. Tom Hanify seconded this motion.

Joe Wainscott started the discussion about the 6 year rule. Any certification that is 6 years or older was to a different standard. This is the reason that the board asks for further documentation on continuing education.

Motion passed.

2. Derek Wanke is resubmitting his request for variances for Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2 and Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Operations, 655 IAC 1-2.1-98. These variances were tabled for more information.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jack Kerney made a motion to deny. Charles Hall seconded.

Jerry Nulliner started the discussion. His certification says November of 1998, but the continued education material showing what the class was, had been revised in 2001. He

does not tell us what he was taught in 1998. There is nothing that references these objectives. They are very vague.

Motion passed.

3. Tony Nania is requesting a variance for the following:

Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101

Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97

Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.4
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-102
Structural Collapse Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-103

Trench Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5
Trench Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-104
Trench Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-105

Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99

The request is based on training and experience with the South Bend Tactical Rescue Team, for the last 7 years.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to table this request. There are several holes in the training documentation. He is requesting technician in all of these and I see no technician training in the documentation. I would suggest tabling the whole documentation pending further documentation. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

4. Brian Linson II is requesting variances for the following:

Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106
Safety Officer 655 IAC 1-2.1-22

Staff has no recommendation.

Tom Hanify made a motion to table for further information. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed. Board needs to see that prerequisites have been met. Darrick Scott thinks that they are getting rope rescue awareness and operations in the class. Darrick Scott will be taking the class and he will find out if this is being met and the students must request the prerequisites. Jerry Nulliner made a motion to deny Safety Officer. Charles Hall seconded. We have written test in place. Motion passed.

5. Joe Griesenger is requesting variances for:

Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106

The request is based on training at the South Bend River Rescue.

Staff has no recommendation.

Tom Hanify made a motion to table for further information. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed. Board needs to see that prerequisites have been met. Darrick Scott thinks that they are getting rope rescue awareness and operations in the class. Darrick Scott will be taking the class and he will find out if this is being met and the students must request the prerequisites.

6. David Pierce is requesting variances on:

Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106

The request is based on the South Bend River Rescue course.

Tom Hanify made a motion to table for further information. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed. Board needs to see that prerequisites have been met. Darrick Scott thinks that they are getting rope rescue awareness and operations in the class. Darrick Scott will be taking the class and he will find out if this is being met and the students must request the prerequisites.

7. Travis Verslype is requesting variances on:

Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106

The requests are based on the South Bend River Rescue course.

Tom Hanify made a motion to table for further information. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed. Board needs to see that prerequisites have been met. Darrick Scott

thinks that they are getting rope rescue awareness and operations in the class. Darrick Scott will be taking the class and he will find out if this is being met and the students must request the prerequisites.

8. Raymond Miller is requesting variances on the following based on documentation provided:

Swift Water Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-76.1
Swift Water Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-106
Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97
Rope Tech-Surface Water Rescue 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.1
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.2
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99

Staff has no recommendation

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve the Swift Water Awareness and Operations along with Rope Awareness and Operations based on documentation provided. Table the balance pending more information. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

Raymond Miller is requesting reciprocity from Michigan on the following:

Fire Officer I 655 IAC 1-2.1-8
Fire Officer 2 655 IAC 1-2.1-9
Fire Officer Strategy & Tactics 655 IAC 1-2.1-7.1
Inspector I 655 IAC 1-2.1-12
Safety Officer 655 IAC 1-2.1-22

Staff recommends denial. We have written/practical in place.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to deny based on written and practicals in place. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

The following firefighters from Fishers Fire Dept are requesting the following:

Confined Space Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.3
Confined Space Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-100
Confined Space Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-101

Rope Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75
Rope Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-96
Rope Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-97

Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.4
Structural Collapse Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-102

Trench Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-75.5
Trench Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-104
Trench Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-105

Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness 655 IAC 1-2.1-.75.2
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Operations 655 IAC 1-2.1-98
Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Technician 655 IAC 1-2.1-99

9. Dennis Zelhart 10. Michael Zejdel
11. Stephen White 12. Michael Williams
13. John Updike 14. Todd Muth
15. Edward Sorg 16. C. Eric Mohr
17. Phil Mellencamp 18. Gregory Smith
19. John Mehling 20. Travis Sighting
21. Andrew Luckey 22. Gregg Scheele
23. Justin Lowery 24. Chris Roller
25. James Jackson 26. Todd Rielage
27. Chad Hiner 28. Jerry Nulliner
29. Todd Heier 30. David Bobo
31. Derek Gable 32. Wm Anderson
33. William Crew 34. Charles Abel
35. Clinton Crafton 36. Scott Canaday
37. James Burrows

All are members of the Fishers Rescue Task Force and have been trained with Instructors from Indiana Task Force I in the above categories and have maintained skills utilizing annual KSA including the NFPA 1670, 1600 and 1006 as guidance. They have been in existence since 1995.

(Applications and certifications on file in office)

Jerry Nulliner abstained from vote.

Darrick Scott made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded.

Paul Covington questioned the date on certification and inquired about continued education. Jerry Nulliner states that they have an annual training at the Fisher Fire Dept. Motion passed.

E. RECIPROCITY REQUESTS

1. Scott Massamore is requesting reciprocity from Kentucky for:

Mandatory 655 IA 1-3-5
Basic Firefighter 655 IAC 1-2.1-3
Firefighter 1 655 IAC 1-2.1-4
Firefighter 2 655 IAC 1-2.1-5

Staff recommends denial. We have written/practicals in place.

Mara Snyder states that the board needs to be clear about the statute on mandatory. The board needs to determine a matter of policy about whether mandatory should be granted through variance. Jerry Nulliner inquired about automatically denying variance requests when written and practical in place. The exception would be IFSAC and Pro Board certification.

Joe Wainscott voiced a concern about the firefighters on the border of the state. We want to be good neighbors and acknowledge their training in some way.

Board policy will be – they will only grant variances or reciprocity if we have no written and practical in place.

Mara Snyder is going to check into this with the AG's office to see if this can be done.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to deny. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed. He may resubmit if he has IFSAC.

F. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – ROGER JOHNSON

The Marshal turned his time over to Doctor Eric Dietz of Homeland Security.

- * Signing of 1099 into law.
- * Money and mission, now time for action.
- * We will have two (2) one million dollar appropriations that will come in July. One will be for fire training and one for the disaster fund. In some cases, mutual aid will be able to be compensated.

Roger Johnson states that at the FDIC, there will be a program for burn injuries. He encourages everyone to attend this program.

He was asked by firefighters to participate in a fire training exercise. The fire chief took a group of recruits put them in a room, with no hose, no water and no back up, and set the room on fire. When I asked him what he was doing he stated “it's only training” and laughed. We almost lost 3 Firefighters. We have a long way to go in training yet.

Darrick Scott stated that if the office lets them when training is going on, the board has no problem with dropping in and observing what is going on. The rules give us some access but they do not allow access to test sites. The new rules will allow for this. Also, if the board member is the complainant, , they would need to excuse themselves from voting in the hearing on the investigation.

The Marshal states that he was told about a department that handed out a test and then gave the answers to the test. He is going back to talk to the students. Joe Wainscott asked the Marshal if he could send someone else to talk to the students then he would not have to excuse himself from hearing.

G. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING DIVISION REPORT- DIRECTOR JOSEPH WAINSCOTT

1. Senate enrolled act 247 (public law 101-2006)

This bill deals with the EMS commission and allows them to charge fees for certification. The next section applies to this board and also allows for a fee for certification. At this time, there is no plan to charge fees for certification. This is in there because on the EMS side, the state is paying fees for certification. There are also changes to the make up of the board. This gives us more flexibility on the board. The language helps us to not have to replace those that change positions at a fire dept. It also reduces the number of citizens from 3 to 2. This still leaves the board number at 11 members.

2. IFSAC fee increase

In July, we will be increasing the IFSAC fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00. This helps cover the administrative cost. Right now, the cost is approximately \$12.50 per certification, and IFSAC runs a little higher due to out of state shipping. These are more for the military and we want to be able to accommodate them.

Paul Covington states the Indiana is one of the best known for quality and availability in the world for IFSAC for the DOD.

We have identified people for our two committees for certification and book review. Both committees will be meeting on April 20th at Wayne Twp the certification committee will meet at 10 am and the book review committee will be at 1:30 pm. This will be an open meeting.

I have a draft letter about the firefighter ½ practicals. How they have to be completed 100% instead of the 4. We will be sending this letter out to let the instructor know about this.

The other issue is that we are working on a check-off sheet for the practical skills book. The book will be sent to the instructor but each student will have a check off sheet instead. This will help us with printing and shipping costs, and will help the fire departments with trying to store all of the paperwork.

The technical rescue committee is still meeting. Hopefully they will have the written and practicals in place in a short time. We need to look into updating the 1670 to the 2005 standard.

H. REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION SECTION CHIEF REPORT – TONY PAGANO

The office has certified year to date, 4,266 compared to the same time frame last year of 2,847. We have issued 719 course numbers so far this year. This is why it is taking longer for processing. Barb and Joan are working overtime right now to keep up and get these certifications out. We are behind and we are doing our best to accommodate the quantity at this time.

Karen Allen left us a few weeks ago, and Gloria Dickerson will be leaving us on April 21st. We will be hiring replacements. We have had interviews and it's just a matter of time before she will be with us.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS – ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, JUDGE TEEGARDEN.

1. Petition for review for Derek Schmidt.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to forward this to Judge Teagarden. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Administrative rules changes.

Mara Snyder needs to know if the changes are final or does the board want to delay for finalization.

The 90 day issue – the discussion was that the student had 90 days to turn in the practical skill results.

Chairman called a 30 minute recess at 1 pm.

Meeting called to order 1:30 pm

- Practical skills must be completed prior to written test.
- Office needs to determine how long the office will hold incomplete testing.
- Original documentation is not required. Submit a certified copy.
- Need to provide rules for Instructor update test. Also, put a time frame on this. Limit 6 months.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to accept the administrative rule changes. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

Motion of intent to publish rule changes, NFPA 1670, adopt the 2004 edition and to amend the certification requirements of Instructor 1 and 2/3, and NFPA 1003 to the 2005 edition.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve filing the motion. Paul Covington seconded. Motion passed.

Public Hearing on the Administrative Rule changes will be at 9 am on June 29, 2006 at the IVFA conference.

On the student certification, we need a legislative rules change on the mandatory. Right now it calls for a fire chief signature. This needs changed to allow for program director.

2. NIMS rule change, Joe Wainscott – NIMS equivalency.

I would like to propose the following:

NIMS 100 and 700 will be equal to NIMS Awareness
NIMS 200 will be equal to NIMS Operations
NIMS 300 and 800 will be equal to NIMS Technician
NIMS 400 will be equal to NIMS Command

The board can do a non-rule policy to adopt this.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to adopt this equivalency. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reciprocity – Board policy for reciprocity.

Example: If someone files for Hazmat Tech, is the board granting them awareness and operations as prerequisite.

Paul Covington states that it is IFSAC position, that when you request reciprocity, when you grant the higher level, it is implied that the lower levels have been met.

When the board grants the tech, you are either granting the lower levels or waving the requirements. If the board does not want to do this, then you cannot grant the tech.

Jerry Nulliner states the when someone requests reciprocity for Hazmat Tech, then they need to request the awareness and operations level also. This will be the practice.

The office has been asked to come up with a policy to post on the web site, as far as procedure. Jerry Nulliner request that this be presented at the next board meeting.

Joe Wainscott suggest that the office put prerequisite listing for everyone so that the confusion is somewhat cleared up.

L. MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING MAY 22, 2006 10 AM

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